

### REMARKS

The office action of June 10, 2010, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 25-29, 31-38 and 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claims 40 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the patent to Richter.

Claims 43 and 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Richter in view of the patent to Siard.

Claims 45-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Richter in view of EP 0 530 582.

In view of the Examiner's rejections of the claims, applicant has canceled claims 29, 40, 41 and 43-49, and amended claims 25, 31 and 39.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims now on file particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended the claims to address the instances of indefiniteness pointed out by the Examiner.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim s 25-29, 31-38 and 44 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is overcome and should be withdrawn.

With the cancellation of claims 40-49, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections of these claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are overcome and should be withdrawn.

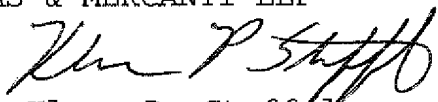
Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 02-2275.

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